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**June 7, 2019**

***Reminder!***



**4Business Listening Session**  
**Monday, June 10 7:00pm – 8:30pm**  
**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center**  
**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

County Executive Marc Elrich and Council Vice President Sidney Katz have launched a joint initiative titled, [4Business: Benchmarking to Be the Best for Business](#) and they want to hear from local business owners. Email your experiences about starting and growing a business in Montgomery County to [4Business@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:4Business@montgomerycountymd.gov) or fill out a form on the [4Business website](#).

***Your input is key!***

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## **Community Forum on Policing in Montgomery County Held**

***Deadline for your comments is 9:00am on Monday, June 10!***

Last night, **County Executive Marc Elrich** and **Councilmember Will Jawando** hosted a community forum on policing in Montgomery County. The objective was to engage County residents to share their experiences and concerns about current policies and actions and to identify future priorities they want to see for a [new police chief](#).

**Anyone who could not attend is encouraged to provide their feedback via an online survey that will close at 9:00am on Monday, June 10.**

- [Police Chief Timeline](#) UPDATED

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## ***I-270 Moves Up to 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of Governor's Plan for Traffic Relief!***

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich; County Council President Nancy Navarro; Transportation Chair of the Montgomery County Council Tom Hucker; State and County officials; officials from neighboring counties; and community members participated in a press conference to discuss viable alternatives to Governor Hogan's plans for I-270/ and I-495.

- [Regional Transportation Improvement Plan Map](#) (pdf)
- [Comparison of Proposals for I-270 & I-495](#) (pdf)
- [Watch the event from YouTube](#) | [Photos](#)

**Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich's Statement on the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan Vote**  
[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Statement\\_Detail.aspx?id=1454](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Statement_Detail.aspx?id=1454)

**Council President Nancy Navarro's Statement on Board of Public Works Vote on Widening of I-270 and I-495**  
[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23182&Dept=1](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23182&Dept=1)

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## **County to Hold 9th Annual Senior Safety Forum In Recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day; Presentations, Resources, Exhibitors and More** **Thursday, June 13 10:00am – 1:00pm** **Holiday Park Senior Center** **3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton**

Montgomery County will host its 9<sup>th</sup> annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Senior Safety Forum where seniors, their families, and others who care for seniors are invited to learn more about resources in Montgomery County and information about personal and financial safety and ways to avoid cybercrimes. The agenda includes speakers and exhibitors on topics including the Red Flags of Abuse, consumer protection issues and Montgomery County resources for seniors. Montgomery County elected officials, along with public safety, health and recreation officials, will be in attendance. Representatives from the Montgomery County Elder/Vulnerable Adult Abuse Task Force will deliver the keynote address. The forum includes raffle prizes, free bag lunches while supplies last, personal mobile device tech assistance from the Recreation Department's Tech Connect/Teen Works program and live musical entertainment. Police will be on hand to accept unused and unwanted prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted.

**For more information about County Senior Services, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior)**

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# Montgomery County to Host 23rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration with Music and Theatrical Performances, Movie, Barbecue Dinner and African American Living Legend Awards

**Saturday, June 15  
BlackRock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

This free event will feature the traditional events, which include the award recognition ceremony and Juneteenth barbecue dinner. New this year, the festivities will include an uplifting line-up of musical and theatrical entertainment, for the whole family, inside and on the lawn of the arts center.

The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights and the County Executive's African American Advisory Group are coordinating the program with special sponsorship from BlackRock Center for the Arts, which commemorates the 154th anniversary of the events of June 19, 1865. On that day, Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take possession of the state and enforce the emancipation of its enslaved persons. The event today is known as Juneteenth and is celebrated widely across the United States. This year's theme, "Sing of the Harmony of Liberty," recollects the African American struggle with a voice of praise and hope of freedom for all.

Schedule of events:

<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	Doors Open
<b>4 p.m.</b>	Reconciliation or Human Right: Conflicting Views of the Civil War" presented by Dr. Alonzo Smith, retired professional at Montgomery College and a community activist.
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	County Executive Marc Elrich will host the African American Living Legend Awards, to honor distinguished individuals who are living legends in Montgomery County and have helped shape the cultural heritage of the African American community. The honorees have dedicated their lives to service and excellence, with accomplishments in such as business, health, media, sports, educations, law, ministry, community organizations, medicine or the arts. The Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological & Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) students of the Montgomery County NAACP Branch will perform as part of the presentation.
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Traditional Barbecue dinner with all the "fix-ins."
<b>7 p.m.</b>	Harriet Tubman's Road to Freedom, written and directed by Percy Thomas featuring Ms. Eunice L. Seagraves in a powerful one-woman show about the abolitionist, nurse, soldier, spy and conductor of the Underground Railroad.
<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Screening of the feature film "Mudbound," a hard-hitting saga of the often abused life of black tenant farmers during the turbulent 40's wanting a fair opportunity to live and raise a family.

***Free event! Please register to provide a count for food preparations. [Click here to Register.](#)***

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## ***Congratulations to the Volunteer Center of Montgomery County!***

*A recipient of the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Achievement Award for their "50+ Volunteer Network."*

This unique new county initiative focuses on the rapidly growing 50+ population seeking purposeful volunteer opportunities. Through personal consultations, the program effectively matches skilled volunteers with nonprofit and government agencies needing assistance. To learn more about the program, visit <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/nonprofits-gov/50plus-Orgs.html>

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**County Sponsors Free Caregiver Event June 15;  
Interactive Event Designed for Family/Friend Unpaid Caregivers**  
[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23168](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23168)

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***You're invited!***

**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board's Annual Meeting for 2018-2019**

**Monday, June 17 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**BlackRock Center for the Arts**

**12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

The Board will present their annual report to the County Executive and acknowledge officials in attendance. The new officers for 2019-2020 will also be introduced. There will be an overview of the issues explored by the board and ant comments and recommendations they forwarded to the County Executive and/or County Council for consideration. Topics discussed throughout this past year include:

- the need for increased funding for early childhood education;
- how we define “affordable housing” in Montgomery County;
- how to promote agritourism in the Agricultural Reserve while protecting its characteristics;
- the need to expand transit services in the Upcounty region;
- the need for security assessments of school construction projects during the design phase;
- more data to be collected and scrutiny done regarding county grant awards; and
- the need to reinstate a former bus route to Urbana.

The first hour will be followed by a reception acknowledging the efforts of our officials and community leaders.



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**Montgomery County Public Libraries Launches Method Test Prep**

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL), in partnership with Recorded Books, has launched Method Test Prep. Used by more than 1,000 schools around the world, Method Test Prep has helped hundreds of thousands of students achieve their standardized college admissions exam goals. To learn more, visit

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23181](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23181)

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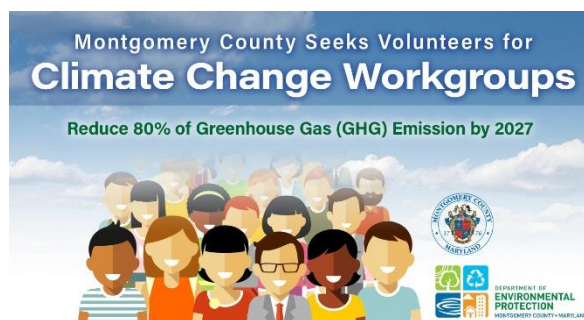
## Council President Nancy Navarro and County Executive Marc Elrich will host community conversation on racial equity and social justice on June 26 in Germantown

Wednesday, June 26 7:00pm  
BlackRock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

County Council President Nancy Navarro and County Executive Marc Elrich will host a Community Conversation on Racial Equity and Social Justice with the purpose of this discussion being to engage with residents on how county leaders can build a better and stronger Montgomery County that meets the needs of all residents through the creation of a new Racial Equity and Social Justice Policy.

Council President Navarro will introduce legislation this fall to create a Racial Equity and Social Justice Policy for county government that is shaped by the feedback received by community members. A similar meeting was held in Silver Spring on March 13, and more than 300 residents participated in the conversation. ***We hope that Upcounty residents come out to show their interest as well!***

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### Volunteers Sought for Montgomery County's Climate Planning Process Workgroups

Montgomery County is launching a planning process to develop prioritized actions and strategies to meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals of 80 percent by 2027 and 100 percent by 2035. The County is seeking volunteers to serve on "technical workgroups" that will help in this effort.

Interested individuals should have demonstrable expertise in climate and energy issues, including identifying economic and equity challenges and opportunities that might arise in meeting these goals. The deadline to submit letters of interest is June 30.

The workgroups will:

- Review past County climate reports and plans, and best practices from other jurisdictions.
- Recommend actions and innovative strategies that have high potential to meet the County's GHG reduction goals in an equitable manner.
- Identify metrics that can be tracked, as well as data and knowledge gaps that could benefit from, additional technical analysis.

Each workgroup will consist of community members as well as County Government staff. Each workgroup will be co-facilitated by a County Government staff member and by a member of the community. Workgroups will convene approximately once a month from Summer to Fall 2019. Meetings will be held on a weekday or weeknight, primarily in the Rockville area. Workgroup members are expected to attend each meeting in person.

Qualified community members interested in volunteering with one or more workgroups can submit an expression of interest, cover letter and resume to [climate@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:climate@montgomerycountymd.gov) by June 30. Anyone interested in serving on multiple workgroups should indicate their first, second and third choices.

For a description of each workgroup, visit

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23179](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23179)

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## MCDOT's Sandra Brecher Joins Kojo Nnamdi for Discussion on Electric Scooters

[Listen](#) to MCDOT's Sandra Brecher and Jim Larsen, her Arlington County counterpart, discuss the safety and regulation of e-scooters—and the public education they demand.

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## Montgomery County's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Offers Storm Tips to Prepare for the Summer Storm Season

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23169](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23169)

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## Friday, June 7 is National Donut Day 2019!!

*(you still have time to participate for dinner!)*

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*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)